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The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—" In the first place, Sir, it is not correct to say that there is a large number of them."

Mr. U. C. Subrahmanya Bhatt :—" May I ask whether he will call for a report as to the number of political prisoners who have suffered from stomach troubles during the last four or five years? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—" No, Sir, for if there has been anything serious in the matter, it would certainly have been reported to the Government already."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" May I ask for what was the prisoner asked to undergo an operation in the hospital, Sir? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—" It is stated in the answer itself, Sir,—duodenal ulcer."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan :—" Did the Medical Officers say that operation was absolutely necessary in his case? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—" I do not know whether they said that it was absolutely necessary or not. He was advised to undergo an operation but he refused to undergo the operation."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I ask whether in this particular case the ailment complained of is due to the fact that the prisoner is put in a lower class and subjected to a lower standard of food than that to which he is accustomed in normal life? "

The Hon. Sir K. V. Reddi Nayudu :—" I do not think so, Sir."

Control of Vehicles

Progress in the matter of the amendments of Motor Vehicle Rules.

* 724 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder : Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the opinion invited from the Automobile Association of Southern India, the Madras Motor Vehicles Importers and Allied Merchants' Association, and the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association on the draft of the new motor rules has been received;

(b) if so, whether a copy of the opinion of each of those bodies will be placed on the table;

(c) whether persons attached to those bodies were already serving on the committee appointed to get up these draft rules.

(d) whether the district boards have been consulted in the matter of these draft rules;

(e) if so, whether and when the opinions of those bodies have been received; and

(f) whether the Government have considered the draft rules, and when they are likely to be published for public criticism and made final and brought into force?

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A.—(a) Yes, except from the Madras Motor Vehicles Importers and Allied Merchants' Association.

(b) No.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) Presidents of most of the district boards have forwarded their opinions.

(f) The draft rules are under consideration. It cannot now be stated when the draft rules will be published for public criticism and made final and brought into force.

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"Sir, in answer to clause (b) the Government say 'No.' May I ask why the opinions received are not placed on the table of the House for the House to study them and get the necessary information?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"The opinion was called for for the information and guidance of the Government."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"With reference to clause (c), may I know where was the necessity to consult these bodies again when persons representing them have already served on the Committee?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Individual members of those Associations were members of the Committee, but the Government thought it might be useful to get the opinion of those Associations as a whole."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask whether this Committee considered the question of third party insurance in the case of every car?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Yes, Sir, I understand the question was considered."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what was the result of such consideration?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"The matter is under the consideration of the Government and they will pass orders on it later on."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—"May I ask when the rules are likely to be published for public criticism?"

The Hon. Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"As soon as the exigencies of official business enable us to consider the matter."

Uniformity in regulating bus traffic in the province.

* 725 Q.—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether a Government Order has been issued constituting a committee consisting of the District Magistrate, the District Superintendent of Police and the District Board President of each district